



Pre-School Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term (First Half) 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a big welcome to all our new families here at Wintringham Pre-School, I am excited to see all the new children settling into the next step of their educational journey with us. I would also like to welcome back our existing families. I hope you all have had a fabulous summer break and are ready for all the adventures that await this year.

Learning Theme – All About Me

This half term, we'll be focusing on ourselves and using this first part of the year to learn about all the new children and families that are starting with us. We will also be exploring lots of activities that will identify how we are all unique individuals, develop friendships and begin the first steps of how children establish their sense of self.

To help with this, we will be looking at the following books:

- We Are All Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
- Kindness Makes Us Strong by Sophie Beer
- Hello Friend by Rebecca Cobb
- My Shadow is Purple by Scott Stewart
- Daisy's Dragons by Frances Stickley

We will also be exploring Feelings and Emotions, My Body, Important People to Me, Healthy Habits and Autumn.

Children have been busy over the past few days exploring their newly designed areas that will help them flourish through different stages of their own development journey. We have witnessed some brilliant new friendships forming already and I cannot wait to see these bloom further with the introduction of all our new starters.

To begin some early stages of phonic awareness in preparation for next half term we will begin our Rhyme Time session. We will be exploring the aspects of the rhyme and will keep you updated via Tapestry for information on these sessions.

Ideas for Supporting Your Child at Home.

Supporting an early love of reading – Reading is important at all ages of development as it broadens a child's vocabulary as well as giving you some valuable time together. Exploring pictures, turning pages and talking about the story helps develop communication, attention and understanding of language, laying important foundations for learning to read later.

Early Mark Making – Children can benefit from mark making, such as drawing, scribbling and making lines. It helps develop the fine-motor control and hand-eye coordination they will later need for writing. When your child begins to form recognisable letters then please ensure that you discourage them from writing their full names in capitals and have a focus on lower case letters too.

Encourage your child to be independent – Can they dress and undress themselves? Can they eat with a knife and fork? Can they take themselves to the toilet independently? These are part of our school readiness goals, and we encourage all this daily within Pre-school.

Reminders

Please provide wellies for your child to change into at Pre-school. We go outside in all weathers and while we do have a limited number of spares. We cannot always guarantee enough being available if your child requires them. This may mean they miss out on the outdoor learning experiences they all thoroughly enjoy.

As the weather begins to cool and becomes a little unpredictable can we ask that you begin to send children in with the items of clothing that they may need with the changing weather. We have some spares to lend out, however this supply is limited.

Please label all items. As the Pre-school gets busier, having named items will minimize the chance of belongings not being returned to the correct owner.

Please ensure the prompt return of the password forms that are handed out to you. It is important that we have the correct password and permission for the adults you wish to collect your child. For safeguarding reasons, without prior notice of any other person collecting your child we are unable to release them.

Diary Dates 2026 -2027

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September
Thursday 3rd September
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Monday 2nd November
Friday 18th December
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January
Tuesday 5th January
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Monday 22nd February
Thursday 25th March
Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April
Tuesday 13th April
Monday 3rd May
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Monday 7th June
Tuesday 8th June
Wednesday 21st July

School Training Day

Trust Training Day

Autumn Term Starts

October Half Term

Autumn Term Continues

Term Ends

Christmas Holidays

School Training Day

Spring Term Starts

February Half Term

Spring Term Continues

Term Ends

Easter Holidays

Trust Training Day

Summer Term Starts

May Bank Holiday

May Half Term

School Training Day

Summer Term Continues

Term Ends